

## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

### **ABSTRACT**

A method and an apparatus are described herein for mediating in management orders between a plurality of origin managers and a plurality of managed devices in a telecommunications system. The apparatus comprises: a Communication Receiver Component (204) arranged for receiving management orders, a Communication Sender Component (203) arranged to send an allowed management order to a managed device, and a Management Verifier Component (202), arranged to determine whether a received management order is an allowed management order. ~~The Management Verifier Component checks whether a received management order fits with the access attributes comprised in one, or more, management access templates. A management access template is selected according to its relationship with an identifier of the origin manager sending the order, and/or with an identifier of a managed data object affected by said order, and/or with an identifier of a managed device affected by said management order.~~

Please replace paragraph [0004] beginning at page 2, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0004] A given device in a telecommunications network can contain one or more data objects which are manageable by means of one or more management operations which allow a data object to be initially set, accessed, modified, erased, etc. This is commonly achieved by entering into the managed device a management order which requests ~~request~~ one or more management operations over one or more managed data objects said device holds. --

Please replace paragraph [0010] beginning at page 5, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0010] The aforementioned object is achieved by an apparatus as described and claimed in claim 4 herein. This object is also achieved by a method ~~as claimed in claim 15~~, or by a computer program as described and claimed in claim 26 herein. --